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Dear General Smith —

I have been giving careful thought to our conversation of a week ago. Your invitation to come down and work with you is, needless to say, a highly appealing one to me.

Your statement that I should plan on full-time duties for a period of at least twelve to eighteen months poses, as I told <sup>you</sup>, a problem to me.

It does not seem feasible for me to rearrange my present plans so as to be able to do this now. Should this become possible, however, by December or January, I will get in touch with you to find out if the organisation can still use me.

Meanwhile, it was a great pleasure to see you again. Best regards (and I hope you gain back some weight).

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Sincerely,



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